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Upon 25th Anniversary of death

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Early morning ceremony celebrates life of late Sheriff C.F. "Neil" Grantham

The sheriff was shot down later that morning, charged and and received a death sentence. with three shots from a 38 cal- convicted of the killing. This sentence was later over-Friends and family members liber pistol as he walked from his Magwood, a Vietnam War vet-turned but was reinstated in the of the late C. F. "Neil" official car to the front gate of eran, had completed serving a ordered resentencing hearing. Grantham gathered at 6:30 the Coffee County jail. sentence in the county jail after. Repeated appeals of the trial Monday morning to mark the Billy Joe Magwood, a former being convicted on a drug charge. and/or the sentence have kept the

25th anniversary of his death. Inmate at the jail, was arrested. He was convicted in the killing convicted man sitting on death.

row at Atmore for most of the past 25 years. Monday morning, Grantham family members were presented with proclamations from the Alabama Attorney General. Governor Bob Riley and the Alabama Legislature. They were also presented with an American flag honoring Grantham's serv-

ice to his country.

Legal advisor Troy King, an Elba native, read and presented the proclamation on behalf of the governor

Family members have long fought these appeals but now say they accept reality and just PRESENTING A U. S. FLAG to members of Neil Grantham's family are representatives of Battary want to be sure Magwood is



A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION was presented to members of the family of the late Sheriff Neil Grantham who was gunned down 25 years ago this past Monday. The ceremony was held on the grounds of the old jail close to where the actual killing took place. Holley, Neil's son Charles Grantham and grandchildren Reese and Neil Grantham. The two grandchildren are children of Neil's other son, Kenneth Grantham, who was present and conducting the event

"New" Coffee County EMS searching for solid ground

A couple of months ago, primary problem th things looked very bleak for the company faces in Elba local ambulance service. Now, is that it does not cover things are looking better, but just Elba, It also proofficials say there are still some vides service to the obstacles to overcome. western part of Coffee Coffee County EMS ceased County.

at midnight on Oct. 31, 2003, EMS, Inc. has two On Nov. 1, 2003, the medical contracts one with the service provider became Coffee city and county to pro-County EMS, Inc. - a non-prof- vide E-911 medical it organization.

Overseeing the "new" EMS one with the Elba is a board of directors consist- General Hospital to Crosby Bill Dean, Stephanie erage.

operational manager of Coffee population base than Mayor James Grimes and Danny Jordan.

County EMS. Inc. other parts of the coun-

Peoples Bank also deserve in \$2,000 each month of being only full-time employee of ground

by Linda Hodge, Editor McIL wain said the

B. the 3rd Battalion, 117th FA, Elba, each with personal memories of Sheriff Neil Grantham.

service coverage and

the coordination of the project. Dean said the company has Dean said. "With the in-kind, county and state." from 6-10 a.m. and serves as the The in-kind services have operating costs of \$24,000 per we have been able to hold it. Although Dean and club's annual fund raising event. saved us to this point," Dean month together. We've got sources for McIL wain agreed the board is The pancake breakfast allows "With our sources, we are 92 percent of our expenses." looking for nickels and dimes to the Elba Lions Club to support Marvin McILwain serves as good for \$22,000 per month." However, it was stressed that assure financial stability for the projects to help people and



ing of Marvin McILwain, Pat provide transport cov. The City of Elba recently helped Coffee County EMS, Inc. acquire this The kickoff will be Tuesday, may call Eddie Vaughan at 1999 Ford E-350 ambulance from the state surplus lot. The ambulance March 9, beginning at 7 p.m. at 334/897-2273, Ext. 209, or 897. Pierce Danny Jordan L.M. MclLwain said Elba only had 27,000 miles when purchased, and it is being used as the Boot's Place in Enterprise: 0395 for qualifying papers and Burch and Linda Westbrook and Western Coffee organizations primary unit. Those pictured above include (from left): Qualifying papers will be available fees Crosby also is employed as County has a smaller Steven Colbert, James Simmons, Adrienne Spines, Pat Crosby, Elba

According to Bill Dean, ty, and although Coffee County, able to provide the type of serv- Coffee County EMS as all other breakfast planned for Saturday treasurer of the board, the one EMS has no problem providing ice the area needs, and he feels 'employees are part-time. Also, thing the board realized right the availability of one full-time as though it can be done with the board members currently away, was that the city and crew, the struggle is to provide overall cooperation.

Serve as volunteers and receive by Linda Hodge, Editor

the local citizens didn't realize area. been determined that Elba is By becoming a non-profit sausage will fill the air Saturday the dire shape of the overall sit- "There is a necessity, but simply too small to run a for- agency. Dean said. Coffee morning, March 6, in dowtown we're not financially able at this profit ambulance service busi- County EMS will now be able. Elba as the Elba Lions Club He said the members of the time to have two crews," Dean ness, but it is also too big to not to apply for grants, hold fund presents its annual Pancake

City of Elba for help, and have a backup crew ready with- "We're trying to cover this tions. Also, he said it allows the ... The breakfast will be held at Mayor James Grimes took on in five minutes of a call big area with limited funds," agency to partner with the city, the Elba Senior Citizens Center

president of the board, and he he said. "You don't have to be a without some cuts or assistance, agency. Dean said it is also organizations.

said National Security, Kelley mathematician to figure that the area could eventually face important to note that Coffee In the past, the pancake break. Lions Club members look for-Foods of Alabama, the Elba out." zero ambulance service. County EMS, Inc. is not far fast has allowed the Elba Lions ward to flipping pancakes the General Hospital and The He said the company is with Dean noted that Crosby is the away from being on solid Club to assist the Alabama Sight first Saturday of each March.

county governments, as well as, the secondary crew to cover the McIL wain said it has already no compensation for their time. The smell of pancakes and board immediately went to the said. "However, our plan is to have any service at all. raising events and accept dona. Breakfast."

remembering the life of C. F. "Neil" Grantham. County Democratic committee sets kickoff The Coffee County able during the event

Democratic Executive All candidates are encouraged Committee has set qualifying to attend however those unable dates for all candidates who wish to attend this event have until 5

to run as a Democrat in Coffee, pm. April 2 to qualify, and to County for the year 2004. qualify after March 9, candidates

Elba Lions Club annual pancake

Conservation Camp Seale Hams: Southeast Leader Dog



Association, Elba D.A.R.E. rogram, Elba Boy Scout Troop 7, as well as, local sight pro-

grams. Lions Club International long ago established its principal purpose as to support programs to prevent blindness and to aid people in surgical care for eye diseases.

In 2002, momes raised by the Elba Lions Club helped provide eye exams/glasses for 14 Elba

residents. . Therefore, all Elba residents are encouraged to attend Saturday's annual Lions Club Pancake Breakfast and help the club members "make Elba a bet-

> ter place to live." Tickets are being sold now but can be purchased at the door Saturday morning



IN HOUSE FINANCING WALL



NEW MANAGEMENT...Smith Auto Sales (located just north of Elba on Hwy. 87) has experienced some changes recently with Mike and Jeana Smith taking over as owners/operators. However, the family business still offers the same quality service in regards to auto and cellular telephone sales. Smith Auto buys, sales and trades automobiles, and the business is an authorized agent for Alltel cellular telephones. The Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed the new managers to business last Thursday, Feb. 26, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Those present for the ribbon cutting included (from left): Little Miss Elba Reagan Kelley, Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Future Little Miss Elba Annsley Padgett, Sam Cooper, Barry Giles, Tanner Smith, Jeana Smith, Jacob Smith, Jimmy Harrison, Wayne Grantham - Elba's city clerk, Doris Matthews, Mike Smith, Herby McCall and Miss Elba Anna Anderson.

Area Happenings

HE COFFEE COUNTY BOE will hold its regular monthly sessing Thursday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at the board of education

acounty meeting Monday, March 8, at 9 a.m. in the communimom at the county complex in New Brockton. HE ZION CHAPEL PTO will meet Thursday, March 11, at 30 p.m. to the high school auditorium. All parents and teachers

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular

re urged to attend this meeting. HE COFFEE COUNTY LAKE will reopen Friday, March 12. he lake will be open from daylight to sunset and recently has our restocked with bream and catflish.

HE ENTERPRISE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is hosta Legislative Breakfast on Priday, March 12, 7:30 a.m. at ons Resonarant. The program is open to the public, not just embers of the Chamber. Guest speakers will be Senator Jimmy olley and Representative Terry Spicer. RSVP 347-0581.

BA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REG-105 for the 2004-05 achool year will be Wednesda ch 18, and Thursday, March 19, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at elementary school. The child must turn 5-years-old on or fore Sept. 2. In order to register, parents should bring an abanus shot record, a birth certificate and Social Security card.

EDITORIAL

"As for Geo-Con, our work here is done, but we will never for. 18 young ladies will compete in four different age categories with get Elba, its fine people, and the way that everyone made us feel the hopes of being crowned Future Little Miss Elba (4 and 5 year and sent to anyone (everyone)! The entire letter is on page 3 of graders) or Miss Elba (17-21 year olds). ever listened to Joe Lyons, project superintendent who wrote the

We recently read a wire service article headlined. "Love Your young ladies as they compete to become ambassadors for the City Taxes, Says England's Catholic Church. That deserved some, of Elba reading and it revealed they have published a 40-page booklet which preaches that we should look at taxation as a way all people can play a moral part in public life and not look at it as an

memories etched forever in his mind

It would be interesting to learn why the Talladega Water Works and Sewer Board is so strongly against releasing its records to the public. "What are they trying to hide?" has been asked in more than one newspaper editorial, but there is still no public answer They were sued in July 2002 by the Talladega newspaper for refusing to release records dealing with the theft of \$91,000 in board funds. They kept appealing the case on up to the Alabama Supreme Court, where they lost in January of this year. They are still refusing to release the records and have asked the Supreme Court (which has already ruled unanimously against them) for a rehearing. They are clearly a public agency, members appointed by the city council, tax exempt, employees are in the state retirement system, its officials file disclosure forms with the Ethics Commission and it issues tax-exempt. bonds. The net results will be less confidence in government and a terrible uncalled for waste of taxpayer's money on court

Alabama has a capital punishment law, but for all practical purposes it might as well be repealed. Monday morning we shared memories with other friends and family members of the late Neil Grantham, sheriff of Coffee County before he was gunned down 25 years ago on March 1st at about 6:45 a.m. That March 1st was on Thursday rather than Monday, but as we recall the weather was about the same. The man convicted of his killing still sits on death row while yet another appeal works its way through the federal court system with the help of some group of New York lawyers who specialize in this type case. We call them "bleeding hearts" and others accuse them of milking the system for money. Regardless of your opinion or my opinion on the death sentence issue, or the lawyers who fight it so strongly, the bottom line is that a death sentence in reality simply means the Alabama taxpayers will still face the expense of housing and feeding the convicted person ... plus paying both sides of the continued, and forever growing, cost of lawyers and court appeals for well for sure more than 25 years

Heddy and yours truly spent Friday. Saturday and a half day ering was at Auburn University this year. Throughout the various meetings we consistently heard opinions that Alabama government "just ain't solving the problems". From that initialstatement, opinions branched off with different reasons for the problems, but not one we heard gave roses to the governor nor the legislature. Oh, some expressed personal admiration for Bob Riley, others gave personal praise for the legislature (or at least some individual lawmakers) but sadly opinions don't hold out much hope for any sudden improvement in the state of affairs on Goat Hill

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department Routine activity beginning Monday, Feb. 23. 2004, investigated the following WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25 incidents one public intoxica. Domestic disturbance reported tion, one burglary, one theft of at 623 Jackson Ave. (6.59 p.m.); property one harassment and Burglary reported at 1 one trespassing. Cordellia (8.55 p.m.)

The following arrests were made: one domestic violence. THURSDAY. FEB. 26 two for failure to appear and one Routine activity ... public intoxication. Traffic citations issued during FRIDAY, FEB. 27

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the week were as follows: one Disturbance (loud music) for not wearing a seat belt, reported at 1623 Parker St. 73:45 Jensies T Daily activity highlights for a m. r. Elba Fire Department disthe week were as follows: patched to 1293 County Rd 325 SOCIAL SECURITY REP MONDAY, FEB. 23 - River to assist the Zion Chapel Fire Countrolise 4th Tues 1. stage - 7.58 feet (6:15 a.m.). Dept at trailer fire (11:22 a.m.)

SATURDAY, FEB. 28 TUESDAY, FEB. 24 - River Domestic disturbance reported at . ELBA CITY COUNCIL stage - 10.54 feet (6.15 a.m.): 1826 Woodland Dr (8.52 p.m.) WATER & ELECTRIC Tuesd

SUNDAY, FEB. 29 Disturbance reported on Larkin Tues - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Rd. (12:46 a.m.); River stage - 1 11.33 feet (7.18 a.m.); Wreck GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP-every Hwy. 87 N. and the 203 Bypass (2:33 p.m.). Prowler reported at 1012 E. Davis St. (11:46 p.m.).

Davis St.-Maggie Garren Classroom Coffee County Commission Community Room in Farm Center

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Miss Elba pageants set for Saturday at EHS auditorium

The New Seasons Study Club will present the 2004 Miss Elba pageants Saturday, March 6, at 6 p.m. from the Elba High School

like a part of this community" Quotes like this need to be copied olds). Little Miss Elba (first graders), Junior Miss Elba (7th to 10th this week's paper and it does Elba folks proud. Actually if you ... The theme of this year's pageant will be "Magical Moments" and the contestants will perform the opening number. Other entertain-

letter, it is clear that this man truly left Elba with those good ing the reigning queens. Skip from Country 96.9 will serve as emcee for the evening Everyone is encourged to attend and show support for these

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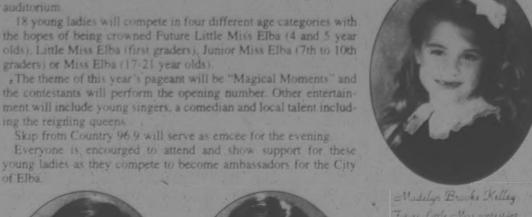
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There will be \$500 given theme.

Tune in a Cure." alcohol permitted. be at 6 p.m. There will be out during the Relay for many games for the little ones from criteria, one of which will be the

Luminaries are set up around The public from all over the the inside of the track and will county is invited with no pets or be lighted at 9:00 p.m. The theme this year is Tune in The opening ceremony will a Cure. Plaques will be given



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Con we want to take this oppor- miums. tunity to express our sincere Sincerely, gratitude to the people of Elba, James A. Cade, Fire Chief the City that helped make our Dear Editor: job a success. We could not have As the former Chief Justice. I on the Supreme Court, and they done this work so well without thought I would express my are men and women of prayer the efforts of the Mayor and his thoughts concerning what seems. With all the problems we face in staff, and all of the folks in the frustrating to many people about the world today, we should bow Electric. Water and Sewer the placement of the Ten our heads in prayer. We are free

have the protection from flood- accepted the decision. deserved. As for Geo-Con, our Iraq is a need for a constitution work here is done, but we will and laws that must be followed. never forget Elba, its fine peo- There is one thing that seems

Thank you Elba, Alabama. Joe Lyons: Geo-Con Project Superintendent

Fire Department has received a and has done us wrong.

An open Letter to the People businesses, etc.) located within Kelly Clem's four year five road miles of the Bullock daughter, Hannah, was also From August of 2003 until Community Volunteer Fire killed My wife, Marilyn, had a WILLIAM JORDAN parents William and Bessie two brothers: Robert Bullard Feb. 25, 2004, Geo-Con worked Department fire station and are difficult time not crying aloud. BULLARD JR steadily to install a soilbentonite also located within 1,000 feet of We, like others, have children Mr. William Jordan Bullard WWII, the Korean War and the Memphis, Tenn., four grandutoff wall as a part of the Elba a fire hydrant should contact and grandchildren who we love Jr., age 76, died Feb. 20, 2004. Vietnam War. Levee Major Rehabilitation their insurance agent for possi- very much. Reverend Clem still in Crestview, Fla.

THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2004

Commandments in our State people because of the Lord and At Geo-Con we know the Supreme Court. On one side, the law, slurry trench work is a messy, there are many who adamant. We all have so very much for MEACHAM FAMILY muddy job and it is a testament that the Ten Commandments which to be thankful. to the patience of the people of remain, even though a federal Sincerely, Ilba, and of their desire to see court has ordered the Perry O. Hooper, Sr. this project through, that no one Commandments be removed. Chief Justice, Retired daily in our efforts. We know obey the law. We are a free peocomplete, but we have confi- law. When the U.S. Supreme dence that the Corps of Court denied certioran, and I Engineers and LJC Construction became the first Republican will accomplish the work, and Chief Justice since 1868, my the people of Elba will finally opponent was not happy, but he ing that they have so long One of the big problems with

ple and the way that everyone to be missing from both sides, made us feel like a part of this and that is love. I kept the twogreat .Commandments on my From all of us at Geo-Con: desk: (1) Love the Lord, thy God with our soul, mind, and body; (2) Love thy neighbor as ourselves: I didn't keep them for others to obey, but for me as a constant reminder. I have never had a problem of loving God. Effective March 1, 2004, the We must love our neighbor even Bullock Community Volunteer when our neighbor is unkind

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would show love, that's the best way I know of to be an excellent example to a watching world. I served with most of the justices



new Insurance Services Office We recently had a sermon. FLAMINGOS MAKE FIRST VISIT...The famous pink flamingo (ISO) classification of 7/9. The given by Reverend Kelly Clem have returned, and they have asked The Peoples Bank to help fight former classification was 9/9. from Goshen. Her church was cancer by raising money through donations from the people of Elba. The new classification of 7/9 hit by a terrible tornado on Palm. The flamingos made their first appearance this week, in the yard of means the community's fire Sunday. There were many peo-. Marion and Nancy Brunson. Contact Melonee Blair at The Peoples suppression services have ple killed in this small church. Bank in Elba (897-2252) to place your flamingo destination order, improved. Community mem- The young man carrying the and remember the flamingos. The Peoples Bank and the American bers who own property, homes, cross was killed. Reverend Cancer Society appreciate the support of the community as the money raised during this campaign will go to the Relay for Life.

Elba; David Bullard, Atlanta.

Ga.; Susan Evans, Andalusia;

and Chi Tran, Newcastle, Wash;

Project. As employees of Geo- ble reduction in insurance pre- praised the Lord with great love. He was born in Elba in 1926 at Brackney Funeral Home in If both sides of the issue and is preceded in death by his Crestview, Fla., Feb. 28, at 1.

The family of MARTHA VAUGHAN MEACHAM wants to thank the many friend who have expressed their kindprayers, cards, flowers, food and

dously during our time of sor-Joe Meacham & Tommy Tatom. Jack Vaughan & Carolyn



Memorial services were held

Survivors include six children: William J. Bullard III. Andalusia; Pam Turner, Red

Bullard. He was a veteran of Elba, and Lamar Bullard.

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A shadow has fallen upon the

scenes so lately lighted by the

determination to resist the Nazi war machine is equally credited

CURTAIN DESCENDS

world of the grave dangers posed by the Soviet Union's post war which allowed British defenders to anticipate the location of a lactions. At the time, Churchili was one of the few people in the

ening him. As a result, Entain stopped the Nazis in their track

aide Clark Clifford, Truman knew Churchill planned to warn, the



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Interview – Clark Clifford

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Revival planned at Springhill Emmanuel Church

There will be a revival with Emmanuel Church March 6. Evangelist Barbara Rigsby held 2004 at 10:00 a.m. The location at Springhill Emmanuel Church, is Hwy 167, one mile from March 3-5, 2004 at 7:00p.m. Ward's Grocery on the right. For There will also be a Ladies more information call 670-6704. Conference with Evangelist Barbara Rigsby at Springhill



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Being converted-Matthew 18:3

dren. We have to be humble, unpretentious, dependent, weak, and ready to be molded by the heavenly father. The low version consists

New Brockton of two parts: (A) Turning away from everything that is ungodly; (B)

Y'ALL COME on March 5, and dining. To sit in stadium Turning to God and doing works of righteousness. Conversion is 2004 to hear Kevin Sharp at the seating to listen to the show and important and necessary because, by nature we follow a way of life

Martin-Colley Roundup at the not have dinner is only \$15.00 that leads away from God and towards eternal death. Because of our New Brockton Farm Center. per person. All proceeds from new relationship with God, some changes have to come. Habits,

Take the family out to eat, enjoy admission and any booths goes commitments, pleasures, whole view of life, have to be changed. We the entertainment, and not be to the American Cancer Society must apply the blood of Jesus to our lives in order to live the way stuck with the dishes afterward. to find a cure for all kinds of God wants us to live. In the City of Elba, the more converted lives

An auction will be held at the cancer. Doors open at 5:00, dinthere are in this city, the better we will be. We may think it is impossible for us to be converted because of what we are going through can be won or purchased during begins at 7:00. Call 389-2300 or but, we must remember God has all Power and He will bring you. the night. Just \$25.00 per person 393-3106 for more information

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NEWS AMONG

JAMES P. CLARK

SCRIPTURE: ESTER 4:7-16 Alabama. Everyone is invited Army Staff Sgt. James P. soldiers will participate in com-PRAYING FOR YOU ***32nd ANNUAL SESSION Peninsula. Egypt, to serve as a Red Sea, and qualify for the Dora D. Belcher, Mary Alice OF THE MULBERRY member of the Multinational Expert Infantry Badge during Blue, Ruth Belcher, Lovie DISTRICT LAYMEN'S Force and Observers (MFO) squad live-fire exercises and

March 2, Warren Belcher- beginning at 9:00 a.m March 5, Juanita Belcher ***THE FRIENDSHIP BAP-Brooks - March 5, Grady TIST CHURCH to Observe Gladys Yelverton - March 7 be the guest speaker. All church- Force (CCAF).

Stackhouse will renew their and grandmother Eria Lindsey grams to enlisted airmen to N.C. March 13, 2004 at 2:00 in the end. afternoon at Harris Temple Today is a good day! Be in their career specialty. The Road, Chesapeake, VA. Church of God in Christ, Elba, grateful.

Sasser's Mill Church to tary education received in the reside on County Road 321.

Air Force with general educaElba. AL. host Gospel Singing

Sasser's Mill Church will Saturday Night, March 6 beginsponsor a Gospel Singing fea- ning at 7:00 p.m. ring the group, Southern Everyone is invited to attend. Youth Conference planned for

March 12-14 in New Brockton 2The 3rd Annual Youth Service for March 12 will be Conference sponsored by the 7:00 p.m., March 13- 10:30

be held March 13-13-14 at the 10:30 a.m.

Farm Center in New Brockton. The change in conversion begins with becoming as little chil- Kevin Sharp Concert set in

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Clark has deployed to the Sinai bat water survival training in the

Hooks, Ann Henderson Jones. CONVENTION will be held at contingency on the peninsula. rifle competition. Evelyn Brown, Carolyn the Mulberry District The MFO is comprised of 12. The sergeant is a flight opera-Lawrence, Rev. J. R. Parks Association Building, Elba . nations on a peacekeeping mis- tions supervisor with 14 years of MARCH BIRTHDAYS & Ala., March 12 &13, 2004. sion to enforce the Camp David military service. ANNIVERSARIES-Rev. W.L. Friday night beginning at 6:00 Accord signed between Israel He is the son of Frank J. Peterson-March 2, Gina Mack- p.m. and Saturday morning and Egypt in 1979. During the deployment, the

ROBERT G. PODRUCHNY

Brooks - March 5, Mary the 10th Family & Friends Day McMillan - March 6, Stephanie Sunday, March 28, at 2:30 p.m. Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert tions. Enlisted members are G. Podruchny has received an automatically enrolled in the Williams - March 6, Nell Rev. David Boykins, Clay Hill associate degree from the CCAF and begin earning col-McMillan - March 6, E. J. & Baptist Church, Troy, Ala, will Community College of the Air lege credit during basic military

es are invited to attend. The worldwide college, head- The sergeant, a command Mr. and Mrs. Henry ***MELISSA KELLEY who quartered at Maxwell Air Force post journeyman with nine years Stackhouse to Renew attends Alabama State Base, Montgomery, AL, awards of military service, is assigned University in Montgomery visit- job-related associate degrees sto the 43rd Airlift Wing. Pope Mr. and Mrs. Henry ed her mother, Ernestine Kelley and other credentialing pro- Air Force Base. Fayetteville wedding vows on Saturday, Belcher of Elba, this past week- enhance mission readiness and He is the son of Robert and support their performance with- Gloria Podruchny, of Compaz

Eria education program combines His father and mother-in-law, technical and professional mili- Wendall and Kathy Vance.

The Florida Boys to be in concert at Country Cathedral Assembly of God The Florida Boys will be in Hwy 84 about 5 miles east of concert this Sunday, March 7 at. Opp, AL. Everyone is welcome. 10:30 am at Country, Cathedral No admission will be charged. Assembly of God located on

Youth Revival to be held Refuge Pentecostal Church will A.M. and 7:00 p.m., March 13- 10:30 in Andalusia March 12-14

2004 at Country Cathedral located on Hwy 84 about 5 begin at 7 pm Friday and are invited to attend. No admis-Saturday and at 6 pm on sion will be charged.

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THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2004

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Bob) Howard

cruise of the Eastern Caribbean. They also have 12 grandchil- Harrison Sr. and Lola Bell The Howard's presently reside dren. The reason they retired to Harrison of Daleville, AL. in Elba, AL, moving here in Alabama, is threefold; The wedding will be held at 1994, after retiring from their Virginia's family, one child and Poplar Springs Baptist Church professions in Michigan. They grandchildren, and the beautiful in New Brockton, AL. March are members of the Elba United weather. The family vacationed 20, 2004 at 3:00 pm. All rela-Methodist Church. Virginia in Elba and the Panama City tives and friends are invited to actually returned to her home - area for the past 42 years, while attend. area, having graduated from living in Michigan, and loved Kinston High School in 1950. the people, friendliness and The Howard's have four chil- wonderful weather of the area.



PAT WILLIAMS, FORMERLY OF ELBA and past president of Taylor L. Rodgers celebrated the Azalea Garden Club, was guest speaker for the Azalea Garden his fourth birthday on February enjoy open meeting pink flowers in spring, and dark enjoyed pizza, punch, cupcake Club during the January meeting at the home of Betty Vaughan.

17, 2004. He enjoyed a ScoobyThe annual open meeting of yellow in the fall. Mrs. Williams presented a program entitled "The Mechanics of Doo party at the home of his the Twentieth Century Study The trees will be shipped Dwight and Carolyn Kelley, of Elba, AL; Robin Earl and

Program topics are vision and 347-2623, ext. 2234.

classroom driver improvement they affect you, and hazardous course specially designed for driving situations. Participants motorists ages 50 and older. are required to attend both ses-Upon successfully completing sions to receive a certificate of the course, graduates of the pro- completion. Cost per individual gram may be eligible to receive is \$10 and will be paid directly a discount on their auto insurto AARP on the first class day, ance premiums. The course Tuesday, April 6. The second helps drivers refine existing class day is April 7 skills and develop safe, defen- Registration deadline is March sive driving techniques. 30. For more information call



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Flowers-Cole wedding to be held March 20

Flowers of New Brockton, AL. ing marriage of their daughter. Sandra Temika Flowers: to Clifford Cole Jr., son of the late Enterprise, AL,) and Mrs. Margaret Moon (Cole) as well as Mr. Mike Moon (Step-Father of New-Brockton, AL. Sandra is the granddaughter of Mrs. Nancy Flowers and the

celebrate 50th wedding anniversary Magwood and the late Willie Pearl Magwood of Elba, AL. Robert and Virginia (Wicker) dren: Valerie McGuire, of Elba; Clifford is the grandson of the Howard recently celebrated Kevin, of Oak Hill, VA; Kelley late Mr. Sam Cole and the late their 50th Wedding Anniversary, McElroy, of Mohnton, PA; and Luther Mae Cole of New occurring on Feb. 13, while on a David, of Eden Prairie, MN. Brockton and of the late Clifford

Sobey. He is a graduate of Auburn

Mrs. Williams presented a program entitled "The Mechanics of Flower Arranging". She is shown with one of the many beautiful arrangements she created for the club. Mrs. Nona Cooper was the lucky winner of this arrangement.

Doo party at the mome of this arrangement of the many beautiful aunt Mattie Rodgers. Many relatives and friends attended his party. He received many gifts.

The members gathered for The members gath Rodgers. He is the great-grand-son of Lady Byrd Rodgers of Elba and Mr. & Mrs. Louis Nelson of Opp. AL. He is the great-grandson of the late Lenon Rodgers.

Interest course

Taylor is the son of Tawanna Rodgers. He is the great-grand-son of Lady Byrd Rodgers of Elba and Mr. & Mrs. Louis Nelson of Opp. AL. He is the great-grandson of the late Lenon Rodgers.

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Enterprise-Ozark Community College brings back the special ication, reaction time changes, Miss Weeks and Mr. Fitzgerald to TEN FREE REDBUD TREES. interest course, Driver Safety left turns and other right-of-way Program. This is an AARP situations, new laws and how be united in marriage March 27 National Arbor Day Foundation.



Mr. Fitzgerald & Miss Weeks Killeen, Tx. He is a 1999 gradather & son accepted for membership and is currently employed in

A father and son have been accepted for membership in the March 27, 2004 at two o'clock Wiregrass Chapter, sons of the in the afternoon at Weeks American Revolution, in Chapel Baptist Church in the They are Joe Edwin Graves, reception immediately follow-

age 75, a retired chemist of ing the wedding at the Opp Enterprise, and James K. VFW on Brantley Highway. All Graves, age 54, a chemical engi- friends and family are invited to neer who lives in Rockwall, TX. attend. They applied based on the GA as a soldier where he died in Let us order your 68-years.

The Wiregrass Chapter meets

ter, at 347-0661.

late Nathaniel Flowers of New Whitt-Sobey wedding Baptist Church

Steve K. and Tonda K. of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Claude

The future bridegroom is the Relations and is employed in grandson of Malcom F. Bruce of Birmingham:

Lake City, Utah. 5:30 pm April 17, 2004, at. Ten free American redbud

The bride is the granddaugh-

ter of Doris Weeks and the late.

Jack Weeks Jr. of the Lowery community and Vera Fuller and

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The groom is the grandson of

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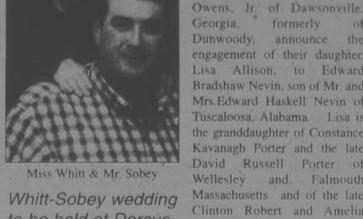
and Paul and Betty Plunkett of

Level Plains, AL. Lowery Community with the

Revolutionary War Service of Thomas Hannah who served in Jefferson County at the age of

at 11:30 AM on the third Thursday of the month in Enterprise. All men with a Revolutionary War ancestor are eligible:

For more information, contact John R. Wallace, chapter regis-



Dewberry of Jack, AL announce Nevin of Kinston, Alabama and the engagement of their daugh- of Mr. Marion Moore Woodfin ter, Crystal Vallie Whitt to and the late Mittie Sprott Enterprise, AL, son of Walter J. Lisa, a member of Alpha and Belinda Sue Prater of Ino Gamma Delta Sorority, graduatand Arthur R. Sobey of El Paso, ed from the University of

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Joseph L. and Communications. She i Shirley J. Bagwell of Jack, and employed in Birmingham. the late Hubert Black of Jack. Brad, a member of Sigma Nu She attended Troy State Fraternity, also graduated from University and is employed in the University of Alabama. He

no and the late Idell Bruce, and A May 2004 wedding Yancey Sobey of Queens Creek, AZ and the late Arthur W. planned in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida.

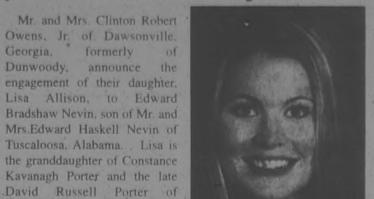
Iniversity, where he earned a Free Redbud trees: pachelor of science in criminol- can be obtained from The wedding is planned for

Dorcas Baptist Church in the trees will be given to each per- birthday recently Chestnut Grove Community in son who joins The National Jack. A reception will follow in Arbor Day Foundation during Gappa and Mona Wise, recently

The Twentieth Century for America campaign. Center at First Baptist Church.

Redbuds have clusters of rosy Hudson and his classmate green summer leaves turning to and party favors.

Foundation and receive the free James and Paxton Kelley, age 6 TEN FREE REDBUD TREES. 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska SMALL ADS WORK! Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Weeks of City, NE 68410, by February You're Reading One



Owens-Nevin wedding

planned for May

New York. Brad is the grandson

received a B.A. degree in Public

Miss Owens



Arbor Day Foundation Hudson Wise

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The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

In most cases the longer you are around someone the closer you get and the more you understand them. However, in the case of chilThe Elba Department of trict in Dixie Minor and Dixie ters. All players play on defense a players age determined by dren it seems that as they grow older they begin to grow apart from Parks and Recreation is current- Youth will be Elba, Troy, and all batters but every inning. their age on June 1, 2004. All their parents and oftentimes leave us wondering just what we did to ly holding registration for boys Enterprise, Coffee County and Score is kept on the scoreboard players hit off a tee using a safehelp mold them into young adults. This week I am sure I will do a and girls ages 4-18 that wish to Brundidge, while teams in our and coaches are allowed on the ty softball and all players play lot of looking back and wondering what the future will bring when participate in baseball and soft- sub-district in Dixie Boys will field. Games are played at on defense and bat in every my oldest daughter Melissa turns twenty-one. I can remember when she was born and how it snowed on March 7, 1983, and how it felt she was born and how it snowed on March 7, 1983, and how it felt Registration began on Feb. 24

Registration began on Feb. 24 when the nurse told me I had a daughter. I have been blessed with and will continue until March 8, These new teams will bring This league is for boys ages 9- allowed on the field. Games are two great kids, and while it has been an adventure watching them with teams to be selected the added excitement to the tourna- 10, with a players age being played at Hawkins-Williams grow up, it is a little scary when I stop and realize that one is already first week in March and games ments and give the players the determined by their age on Park, an adult. Happy Birthday, Melissa....I love you!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** Last week's heavy rains washed away the season openers for both the Elba High baseball and softball teams, but both teams have will be included when teams are once again travel during regular ters bat in a continual line-up as players and all players play on busy weeks ahead and by this time next week we should all have a chosen next week," stated Elba season action," said Mularz, the game progresses. Score is defense and all players bat in pretty good idea of what the season might bring. The Tiger baseball Recreation Director Ricky "Our Dixie Minor and Dixie kept on the scoreboard and every inning. Score is kept on team should have good speed, solid hitters and play well on defense. Mularz. "We took forms to Elba Youth teams will travel to Zion coaches remain in the dugout, the scoreboard and coaches are but the big question mark will be on the mound where seniors High School and Elba Chapel, New Brockton and except to coach bases. Games allowed on the field. Games are Derrick Thomas and Ralston Moore will have to step up and lead Elementary School, as well as Samson during the regular seaf are played at Legion Field played at Hawkins-Williams the way. The Tigers lost all three of their starting pitchers from a all the day cares in the city. As son, while the Dixie Boys teams * Dixie Youth Baseball - Park. year ago, and will need for these guys to carry the load early in the season. While the Tigers will have a new look on the field, it should be an exciting season as the new bunch of Tigers get their chance to show what they can do. The Lady Tigers return almost their entire team from a year ago that advanced to the sub-state finals and unlike the baseball team has no worries about pitching, where Stephanie tee a player a spot on a team we will also travel in the Dixie with nine players on defense fast-pitch softball league and all Baxley will return and should only get better after showing last season that she was one of the top pitchers in South Alabama. The Elba than March 8 at 5:00 PM. We Angels and Dixie Ponytails will all players. Score is kept on the players play on defense, while girls are a little suspect at the plate and will have to play excellent want every boy and girl in Elba travel to New Brockton. Zion scoreboard Games are played at all players bat in a continual batdefense to win consistently, but with Baxley should have a chance to take part and enjoy playing Chapel and Opp, while the Legion Field. to win every time they hit the field.

*** The Elba All-Stars will hit the court this week at four sites to compete in ARPA District action, and while all four teams will play

Everyone also needs to remem—

Debs will travel to various with a players age being deter—

This league is for girls ages 11their best and represent the city well, the teams will face an up hill ber that just because a player towns and play on a home-and-mined by their age on August 1, 12, with a players age being battle since Elba will be the smallest team taking part in each of the tournaments. The girls will be up against teams from Greenville, Headland, Enterprise, Geneva, Troy, Andalusia and Eufaula, while the boys will tip it off against teams from Greenville, Geneva. "This will be an exciting sea- and softball: Andalusia, Troy, Enterprise, Opp and Dothan. The teams have son for all the leagues," added BASEBALL worked hard to get ready and will will play hard to win, but sometimes the scoreboard doesn't tell the whole story. Good luck!

*** Registration is underway for boys baseball and girls softball - Dixie Minor, Dixie Youth and a players age being determined - This league is for boys ages * Dixie Belles Softball - This in Elba and as of late last week the number of youth signing up was Dixie Boys Leagues will all be by their age on August 1, 2004. 15-16, with a players age being league is for girls ages 13-15, down from years past in a couple of age groups. I know that the popin new sub-districts. We will Batters hit off a tee using a safe- determined by their age on with a players age being deterulation of Elba hasn't grown in years, but for some reason it seems host the Dixie Boys 14-year-old ty baseball, and all players play August 1, 2004. Games are mined by their age on June 1, like a lot of parents are not encouraging their children to participate tournament beginning on June on defense and all players bat played using Dixie Majors rules 2004. This is a fast-pitch softin sports. I know that it is easier for parents to sit at home after a day in sports. I know that it is easier for parents to sit at home after a day and the Dixie Youth tournate each inning. No score is kept on and are played at the Elba High ball league and nine players are at work and not have to take their kids to practice and then sit at ment beginning on June 25, with the scoreboard and coaches are School field. games, but they should let the kids enjoy themselves and there is nothing they enjoy more than being with other kids their own age nothing they enjoy more than being with other kids their own age events. A major change in Dixie the scoretolard and countries and there is allowed on the field. Games are played at Hawkins-Williams

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Boys will have all teams playing Park. I urge all parents to sign up their kids and support them as they pa

ticipate. They will only be kids once. *** The Southeast Regional Basketball Tournament was held last week at Troy State and it was not a good week for area teams. Dothan, Highland Home, Samson, Geneva and Opp all lost in girls action, while in the boys division Ashford, Dothan and Charles Henderson all saw their seasons come to an end. The regional tournament is a great event that gives basketball fans in Southeast Alabama the chance to see some outstanding basketball action, and it also gives the high school players in the area the chance to watch . other teams play and dream of making a trip to Troy State.

*** I got the chance to watch Troy State play on television last week and was arnazed to see the Trojans score 113 points in a big win over lacksonville. The Trojans nailed 18 three-pointers in the win over Jacksonville. The Trojans nailed 18 three-pointers in the win and have a legitimate argument that they might very well be the best college basketball team in the state. Troy State has a chance to post an 18-2 conference record in the Atlantic Sun, and should make anyone wishing to enter a team entry fee will be \$20 per player it to the NCAA even if it stumbles and does not win the conference tournament. Troy State may be the best kept secret in college bas-

ketball this season. *** I have never been a soccer fan, but ever since former Elba Tiger football and baseball standout Stan Sauls was named head will be open to teams in the Elba office at 897-6833. soccer coach at Enterprise High School I will admit I always check area, with all games to be played the soccer scores in the daily papers to see how the Wildcats are

Umpires are needed for youth to Coffee County, and is now the head soccer coach at high school as well as the head basketball and football coach at an Enterprise Junior High. There is no doubt Coach Sauls has dedicated his life to helping students both in the classroom and in the field of athletics, and we are all that he is an Elba High grad.

*** In closing...in the Class 1A Girls Finals last week at the Northwest Regional, in Hanceville, Hazlewood outscored Speake 102-91 to earn a spot in the Final Four. Hazlewood hit only seven three-pointers in the win, but took 94 shots from the floor and also hit 27 of 35 free-throws. Speake attempted only seven hots from behind the arc and made only one, but took 70 shots and was led by Starla Orr with 58 points and 17 rebounds. The 193 points set a state record for points scored, and with a total of only eight three-pointers made by both teams combined, it proves that a team doesn't have to shoot from behind the arc to win.

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Registration now underway for youth baseball and softball leagues in Elba

"I urge all the boys and girls ers from other cities." to teams as needed. To guaran- home-and-home basis. This year played by Dixie Youth rules, 1, 2004. Pitchers pitch in this

took part in the past they still home basis." must register to play again this Following is a list of the Dixie Boys rules and all batters 1, 2004. This is a fast-pitch soft-

Mularz, "and we will host two * Tee Ball Baseball - This Legion Field. baseball tournaments and our league is for boys ages 4-6, with * Dixie Pre Majors Baseball Williams Park.

each other in pool play before * Machine Pitch Baseball - mined by their age on August 1, league is for girls ages 16-18 the start of the regular tourna. This league is for boys ages 7-8. 2004. Games are played using with a players age being determent. This will mean that both with a players age being deter- Dixie, Majors rules and are mined by their age on June 1, the 13-year-old and 14-year-old mined by their age on August 1. played at the Elba High School 2004. This is a fast-pitch soft-Dixie Boys All-Star teams will 2004. A pitching machine is field. be guaranteed six games instead used to pitch the baseball to the SOFTBALL of just two, as in years past. batters, with the speed of the * Tee Ball Softball - This ers bat. Games are played at the

Organizational meeting is March

An organizational meeting for at Hawkins-Williams Park. The

in the Men's Softball League in on a team roster, with a \$240

Elba will be field on Monday, minimum per team. The season

March 8, at 7:00 PM; at the Elba will begin on April 5. For more

Umpires are needed for the later than 5:30 during the week,

upcoming baseball and softball and games will be played in

leagues sponsored by the Elba Elba, Samson, New Brockton

The Peoples Bank of Coffee will be taken. Deadline to enter

sponsor a Relay for Life Softball The top four teams will

The tournament will be a ning team also will receive a t-

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to be held April 2-3 in Elba

scheduled to begin on April 5. chance to compete against play- August 1, 2004. Games are * Coach Pitch Softball - This that want to play baseball and "Since both Zion Chapel and pitchers and catchers are used a players age being determined softball this spring and summer. New Brockton now have their by all teams. Nine players are by their age on June 1, 2004. A to sign up this week so that they town baseball leagues we will used on defense, while all batteams coach pitches to their ownof last week the numbers were will travel to Luverne and This league is for boys ages 11- * Dixie Angels Softball down in a couple of leagues, and Samson. The Dixie Pre Majors 12, with a players age being This league is for girls ages 9once the deadline passes to reg- and Dixie Majors teams will determined by their age on 10, with a players age being ister, players will only be added travel and play teams on a August 1, 2004. Games are determined by their age on June

baseball and softball, but they Dixie Belles will travel to Opp * Dixie Boys Baseball - This Hawkins-Williams Park. have to register to play, and Andalusia, and the Dixie league is for boys ages 13-14, * Dixie Ponytails Softball

played by Dixie Minor rules and league is for girls ages 7-8, with

they need to register no later. Softball leagues. The Dixie and a continual batting order for teams also use a catcher. Ten

2004. Games are played using determined by their age on June leagues offered in both baseball are included in a continual bat- ball league and nine players ting order. Score is kept on the play defense, while all batters scoreboard. Games are played at bat in a continual batting order.

ball league and nine players are used on defense and nine play-Teams included on our sub-dis- pitch to be the same for all bat- league is for girls ages 4-6, with Elba High School field.



Recreation Games will include meeting will be held on SPURS WATCH TROJANS....The Spurs, a member of and youth baseball, and will be for anyone interested in becom- the Boys 10 and Under Basketball League, in Elba, played during the week and on ing an umpire. For more infor- recently traveled to Troy State to watch the Trojans play weekends. Umpires should be mation call the Recreation office Mercer. After the game the team took a tour of Movie Gallery Stadium. Shown above are Waylon Craighead, Relay for Life softball tournament Chance Johnson, Sage Kelley, Aquante Jones, Austin Johnson, Harry Griffin, Seth Hanchey, Tyler Anderson, Jabari Newson, Thomas Cole and Coach Glen Johnson.

Annual Tin Man Triathlon fund raiser receive trophies, and the win- set for May 1 at Fort'Rucker

Entries are now being accept- miles).

tourney with a four homerun. The Peoples Bank (897-2252) to non-swimmers. Details are on the event's more. w e b s i t e Army Emergency Relief is a

> 30-kilometer (18.6-mile) bike grants. race and 10-kilometer (6:2-mile) For advance registrations erun. The Duathlon requires a 2- m a i econd run of 10 kilometers (6.2 or call (334) 255-9133.

will be held Friday and All proceeds from entry fees ed for the May 1 Tin Man Advance entries are \$30 for Saturday, April 2 and 3, at the and concessions will go to the Triathlon at Ft. Rucker, an annu- individuals, \$65 for two-person Hawkins-Williams softball American Cancer Society Relay al fund-raiser for Army teams. The first 100 entrants in for Life. Please contact Renee Emergency Relief. The event each event receive a commemo-It will be a double elimination Bradshaw or Melonee Blair at also includes a Duathlon for rative T-shirt on race day.

http://www.trifind.com/r/tin- non-profit organization and fund which support soldiers and their In brief, the Triathlon families during times of crisis includes a 1-kilometer swim, a through loans or financial

mile run, 30-k bike race and a curtis.harper@rucker.army.mil

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IT'S "TOURNAMENT TIME" FOR ELBA ALL-STARS

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that we will play well and represent our league well against the and are excited about going to Andalusia to play."

Kelley, Nick McLaughlin, Michael Martin, KeAnthony Newson Devonta Tillis. and Hayes Spicer. Following is the tournament bracket:

FRIDAY, MARCH 5 7:15 - Geneva vs. Elba

8:30 - Andalusia vs. Troy

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 - Greenville vs. Geneva-Elba winner 10:15 - Enterprise vs. Andalusia-Troy winner 1:00 - Championship game

Elba "10 and Under" All-Stars to Elba "12 and Under" All-Stars to Elba "18 and Under" All-Stars to meet Geneva on Friday night at do battle against Opp Saturday

The Elba Boys 10-year-Old All-Stars will travel to Enterprise this The Elba Boys 12 and Under All-Stars will head over to The Elba All-Stars will swing into action this week when they weekend to compete in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Andalusia this weekend to compete in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 6 Parks Association District 6 Basketball Tournament. The Elba All-Stars will open tournament play on Friday, March 5, Elba will begin play on Saturday morning at 10:15, when it hits The All-Stars will tip-off the tournament on Friday night at 6:00 at 7:15 PM, when they meet Geneva. All games will be played at the the court to battle the Opp All-Stars. All games will be played at the against Dothan.

"Our boys have had a good season and are looking forward to "We have a good group of players and expect to compete well tournament," said Coach Tim Whitfield. "The other three teams in competing in the tournament," said Coach Scott Kelley. "We have against the teams in the tournament," said Coach Patrick Tyson. the tournament are from much larger cities, but our players work been working hard to get ready for the tournament and feel certain "All the players have worked hard since being named to the team" hard in practice and will play hard when the tournament starts."

FRIDAY, MARCH 5 6:00 - (Game 1) Troy vs. Enterprise

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

10:15 - (Game 3) Elba vs. Opp 11:30 - (Game 4) Greenville vs. Game 1 winner

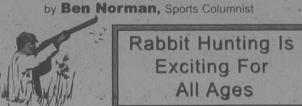
3:30 - Championship game

New Brockton drops three straight in Boll Weevil Classic

The New Brockton County, Florida, and dropped a New Brockton battled 3A walks, a hit batter and an error compete in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District Gamecocks opened the 2004 14-2 decision. Tyler McLean power Straughn on even terms to pull away late and claim the 6 Basketball Tournament. high school baseball season last ripped an rbi double and Heath through five innings before win. in Enterprise, and dropped all account for the Gamecocks lone run came in the top of the their tournament action with a Moorer Middle School gym.

tournament against Holmes errors in the loss.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



If you have been around as long as I have you probably remember the heydays of rabbit hunting. Many a cottontail ended up Friday, March 5 becoming the evening meal thanks to a schoolboy and his single New Brockton at Elba (JV-V) Elba, Brantley and Zion Chapel,

Rabbit hunting is not as popular as it once was in Alabama, due partially to the popularity of deer and turkey hunting. Another cause for the decline in rabbit hunting is that there are less rabbits than there were twenty or thirty years ago. The change in farming practices, urban sprawl and a large predator population has contributed to reduced rabbit numbers also.

While rabbit numbers may not be what they used to be, they are Tournament still plentiful enough to provide a new experience to the beginning hunter and renew old memories for us who remember the "good Monday, March 8 old days". Rabbits can be hunted with a pack of beagles or "walked Paxton at Zion Chapel JV (DH) Elba at Andalusia (JV-V) 4:00 up" in briar patches and cut over woodlands. Hunting rabbits with 4:00. beagles is a memorable experience for anyone new to rabbit hunting. Rabbits tend to return to the same area where the hounds Tuesday, March 9 jumped them; giving hunters time to take a stand and hopefully get Elba at Luverne (JV-V) 3:30 4:00

The key to a successful rabbit hunt today is finding a food. Brockton 4:00 source close to thick cover such as large briar patches. Rabbits prefer succulent foods high in nutrition. Native forbs and grasses Thursday, March 11 combined with fertilized agricultural crops and food plots such as Elba at Abbeville (V) 4:00 clover, oats and wheat attract rabbits. They are also fond of fertilStraughn at Zion Chapel (DH) ized lespedezas, emerging soybeans and cowpeas. Rabbits can be found feeding early in the morning where food 4:00

with a scope sighted .22 or shotgun will usually get a shot. By mid June 12 will be and cover join. A fully camouflaged hunter stalking the field edge morning rabbits are hold up in thick cover. Many believe rabbits "Free Fishing Day" have adapted to the coyote invasion by learning to bed in the thickest, impenetrable bramble patches that can be found. Hunters entering these areas will need high top boots and briar pants. Two or three hunter on line can move through these dense

areas kicking brush piles and get enough shots to make the day interesting. Just remember to shoot in front of the rabbit instead of at that bobbing cotton ball as he streaks by you. Another method I learned from my uncle's farm worker was how to "bed" rabbits. Paul had the uncanny ability to spot rabbits

in the bed by walking slow and stopping every few feet. He would residents and non-residents may bend over and scan everything in the briar patch. He taught me to ' fish without a fishing license. spot the oversized eyes of a motionless rabbit. Deer season will soon be over, but you can extend your hunting by the Commissioner of the season another month chasing Br Rabbit. Almost any open choked Department of Conservation and

shotgun or .22 rifle will do. And if you really want a challenge try Natural Resources. a .22 pistol. When hunting with the pistol, just make sure you have "Free Fishing Day is offered an alternative meat source in mind for dinner. THE FOUR WAY TEST

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Andalusia High School gym.

Team members include Tyler Anderson, Harry Griffin, Seth Goosby, Justin McLaughlin, Stephen Magwood, Devon Andrew Stoudemire, Jessie Thigpen, Corey Wheeler and Brandon Hanchey, Austin Johnson, Connor Kelley, Jaron Kelley, Sage Muhammad, Sandarius Reed, Dionta Reynolds, Kareem Silar and Wilson.

Following is the tournament bracket:

9:00 - (Game 2) Geneva vs. Andalusia

1:00 - (Game 5) Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner

The Gamecocks opened the Gamecocks were guilty of 12 Straughn lead to 3-1. However, New Brockton in the loss. Straughn took advantage of two Varsity & Junior Varsity BASEBALL - SOFTBALL

SOFTBALL

Thursday, March 4

Saturday, March 6

Monday, March 8

Thursday, March 11

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(JV) 3:30

in Luverne JV. Tournament

BASEBALL Thursday, March 4 Elba at Zion Chapel (JV-V) Kinston at Elba (JV-V) 4:00

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at county lakes Alabama is scheduled for

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to introduce non-anglers to the sport of fishing and to remind former anglers of the fun they've been missing," said Stan Cook, Chief of Fisheries with he Wildlife and Freshwater isheries Division. "It's a good time to pass on the tradition of a family fun day of fishing to Alabama's youth.'

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Basketball Tournament, at the Elba High gym.

Team members include Tim Daniels, Kyle English, Marcus Team members include Jason Allen, Hunter Cauley, Chance Henderson, Dominique Miller, Kevin Parks, Quinton Robinson,

Following is the tournament bracket

6:00 - Elba vs. Dothan 7:30 - Enterprise vs. Greenville

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

10:00 - Championship game Elba Girls All-Stars to battle Andalusia Saturday morning at

Admiral Moorer gym in Eufaula The Elba Girls All-Stars will travel to Eufaula this weekend to

Elba will begin tournament play on Saturday at 9:00 AM against week in the Boll Weevil Classic, Parker reached on an error to falling 7-1. The Gamecocks closed out the Andalusia All-Stars, with all games to be played at the Admiral

three games to fall to 0-3 in runs, while New Brockton fifth when Layton Griffin 17-0 loss to G.W. Long. Drew "Our girls played hard during the regular season," said Coach Tim helped Holmes County as the scored on an error to cut the Donaldson had the only hit for Williams, "and now will get the chance to see how they stand against girls from other cities. We will be the only team in the tournament that will have ten year olds on the team, but we have been vorking hard and will play hard Saturday.' Members of the team include Brooke Adcock, Jeanetta Burks,

Ja'Micah Dunn, Kei-Auna Edwards, Aspen Foushee, KeKe Oliver, Kim Perdue, Priscilla Simmons, Jacquetta Whitfield, Jessica Whitfield and Courtney Williams. Following is the tournament bracket:

6:00 - (Game 1) Enterprise vs. Geneva 7:00 - (Game 2) Troy vs. Hartford

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 - (Game 3) Greenville vs. Ft. Rucker Luverne at Brantley (JV) 4:00 SATURDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 - (Game 4) Elba vs. Andalusia 10:30 - (Game 5) Headland vs. Game 1 winner 12:00 - (Game 6) Eufaula vs. Game 2 winner

1:30 - (Game 7) Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner 3:00 - (Game 8) Game 6 winner vs. Game 4 winner New Brockton at Elba (JV-V) 5:00 - (Game 9) Championship game

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be ascertained after reasonable effort, or if being a resident, IN THE PROBATE COURT OF either her residence is unknown COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA and cannot be ascertained after ELBA DIVISION

reasonable effort, or she has been absent from the state for IN RE: THE ESTATE OF more than 30 days since the fil- TED WAYNE WEAVER. ing of the complaint in this DECEASED. cause, or she conceals herself

so that process cannot be CASE NO. PC-04-06 served upon her, and further, that defendant is over the age of NOTICE OF GRANTING OF

defend this complaint within given that all persons having said Court and serve upon, Joy fourteen (14) days after this claims against said estate are J. Minner, Plaintiff's Attorney, notice by publication is complet- hereby required to present the Yearout, Spina & Lavelle, P.C.,

> (KIRKLAND) 2-19.26:3-4pd

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PROBATE COURT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned 5th day of February. 2004 by the Hon. William O. Gammill. Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against case. PROBATE COURT probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are bereby required.

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LETTERS OF ADMINISTRA- TO: Clinton L. Fayard

Witness'in my hand this 13 day or the same will be barred. 450, Birmingham, Alabama,

S/ SHANNAH RAE WEAVER plaint by the 12th day of April, Personal Representative

2-19-26;3-4,11chg

Letters Testamentary of said Letters Testamentary of said

/s/ REBY C. JOHNSON Personal Representative 2-19,26;3-4pd

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR Personal Representative THE 2-29; 3-4,11chg · 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ESTATE OF MARTHA V. MEACHAM HARLEY-DAVIDSON CREDIT, DECEASED

Plaintiff. PROBATE COURT CLINTON L. FAYARD, PC-04-10

DEFENDANT.

in The Elba Clipper, a newspa-Letters of Administration of said against you in said court on said estate are hereby required 308-2724 per published in the County of Coffee, State of Alabama, for four consecutive weeks, and the to the undersigned on the 12th sion, all rights, title and interest allowed by law or the same will Kinston Ruritan Club announces said defendant is hereby notified day of February, 2004, by the in and to the following property: be barred. of the issuance of said summons and complaint, and to be and summons and complaint, and to be and of Probate Court of Motorcycle, /s/ THOMAS R. TATOM, JR. and complaint, and to be and appear if she thinks proper to Coffee County, notice is hereby You must file with the Clerk of 2-29;3-4,11chg same within time allowed by law 1500 Urban Center Drive, Suite

against you.

2004.

35242, an answer to their com-2004, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered Done this the 12 day of Feb.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

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> Places of interest will include Mt. Rushmore, The Badlands,

The Southeast Alabama Clark Theatres • Enterpris Beekeepers Association to meet March 11

Letters Testamentary of said Beekeepers Association will CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-2003- deceased having been granted hold it's monthly meeting on the to the undersigned the 24th day of February, 2004, by the Hon. 11th of March 2004 at the William O. Gammill, Judge of the Coffee County Farm Center. For M-F 7:10 & 9:15 - S&S 2:00, 7:10 & 9:15 Probate Court of Coffee County, more information please call You are hereby notified that the notice is hereby given that all Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894above styled action was filed persons having claims against 2077 or Charles Jester at 334-

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The Kinston Ruritan Club

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arrival of new shipment of "Cross Trails Remembered"

announces the arrival of a new shipment of Cross Trails Remembered - A History of Kinston and The Greater Kinston Community. The book was copyrighted in 1998 and was reprinted in 1999. Repeated requests for additional Club to order a third printing. Books are now available by

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good luck in the future.



potlight is Jessica Marie

Jessica is a senior at Elba

ligh School. She is the 18-

Jessica is a member of

This week Patrick Tyson was Ricky Barlow and Jody thosen as the Co-Op Spotlight. Patrick is the 18-year-old son, of Patricia Tyson and Grover Spanish Club and Senior Beta Williams. He is also a senior Club. She has been in the band here at Elba High.

for the past eight years. She Rudy T., as his friends call plays the French horn and melhim, is involved in the lophone. Jessica served as uni-Vocational Industrial Clubs of form officer for three years. Her America, the Fellowship of junior year she achieved the Christian Athletes and the Elba rank of junior drum major. She High School Student Council is currently the senior drum play in the school's band. where he serves as vice president. Rudy, also participates in After graduation, Jessica enjoys hanging out with friends Break the football and baseball pro- plans on attending the and shopping. University of West Alabama and Congratulations, Jessica and March 15 - PTO at 6 p.m. After Rudy goes home from his job where he is employed by the City of Elba in the Students receive scholarships for essays

Danford.

family and eating "Scooby Pattie's class were required to seniors. joining the United States Air Force and later on pursuing a degree in physical education at Congratulations and good

enjoys hanging out with his

phone, spending time with his

friends, shopping, talking on the

JV cheerleader

by Anna Harrison

luck in the future Rudy!

The Junior Varsity Cheerleader tryouts were held Friday, Feb. 20. Girls grades 6th-8th were eligible to tryout. Here are the results: Cortlin Lee-Captain: Meagan Anderson-Captain; Tiffany Bryant; Ashley Bailey: Gabby Pope; April Finedore; Kynu Coleman; Meredith Brunson, Maisie Thomas, and Brianna Rogers Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Spurlin

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Lyndsay Lawford, Kaleb Dyess and Jessica Merklin

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March 8 - 12, 2004

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Syrup, Link Sausage, Tuesday - Fishburger, French Fries,

Wednesday - Biscuit & Wednesday - Salisbury Steak

Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Black-eyed Peas, Mashed Potatoes

Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Thursday - Bar-B-Q Sandwich,

Friday - Cheese Grits, Friday - Turkey Wiggle,

Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Butterbeans, Corn, Roll, Apple

Crisp, Milk

Cereal, Juice, Milk Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit, Milk

ereal, Juice, Milk Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2

BREAKFAST

uesday - Pancakes & Apple, Milk

Thursday - Scrambled Milk

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EHS celebrates Black History Month

by Karrie Copeland

Quesday, Feb. 24, in the Elba The assembly was full of singing and worshiping, and the Elba High School Chorus sang many songs relating to the hertage of black history. These songs included: I am

Behold The Lamb, Praise Is What I Do, Trouble Don't Last Always, Going Up Yonder. This year's speakers were Mr. Charles Cole and Mr. Major L.



Thanks to all that made the Guest speakers Major L. Lane and Charles Cole listen while special music is performed during the Black History Month assembly.

EES maintains accreditation for 25 years

Mickey McCollough, princi- Commission on Elementary and governmental agency, and memoal, of Elba Elementary School - Middle Schools of the Southern bership is voluntary. ecently announced the school Association of Colleges, and Founded in 1895 and headwas recognized by the Schools for maintaining accred-quartered in Decatur, Ga., the

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March 4 - Black and Gold an institution meets standards, membership includes more than In her free time, Jessica March 5 - Third Nine Weeks commitment to continuously private elementary schools, and March 15 - Grandparent's Day grams. The Association is a non-kindergartens in the region.

itation and membership in the Southern Association is one of Accreditation is the process of in the United States and covers helping institutions improve 11 Southern states from Virginia through comprehensive school to Texas, as well as U.S.-type planning. It assures not only that schools in Latin America. Its but also that it demonstrates a 13,000 accredited public and provide quality education pro- early childhood centers and

EES Student of the Week

by Mary Katherine Head only count as a grade but also Optimist Club sponsored the double as an entry into a writing contest, and the topic was Name: Michael Martin The students of Mrs. Kathy contest open to all juniors and "Being the Best I Can Be." Age: 10 The three students that were Grade: 5th write an essay that would not The Ozark-Dale County declared the winners from Elba Favorite Subject: P.E. High School are as follows: Favorite Food: pizza Jessica Merklin - third place. Favorite Teacher: Mr Kaleb Dyess - second place and Johnson ·Lyndsay Lawford - first place. • If you could give your teacher Each of the students received one thing, what would it be

a medallion and cash scholar- and why? "It would be some ship. Jessica Merklin received a flowers, because she's the one bronze medalfion and \$50., that gives me the best grades in Kaleb Dyess won \$75 and a sil- the school. first place winner, Lyndsay Fifth grader, Michael Martin. Lawford, received a gold medal- is this week's elementary school

lion and \$150 as her prize. spotlight. Michael Martin

These three winners essays Michael is the 10-year-old son Michael grows up he would like will be forwarded to competi- of Greg and Kenya Martin. He to become a disc jockey. When tion at the club level and then has one younger brother. Caleb. asked how being in school helps • district-level where their essays who is in the first grade. him to become what he dreams. will have the chance to further. Michael is a member of the he said, "being involved in the their scholarship opportunities. fifth grade band and the EES band and around music and jazz Congratulations to Jessica, Choral Group. In his free time will help a lot." Kaleb and Lyndsay for being the he enjoys playing basketball for Congratulations Michael, for his local rec. team, playing kick- being this week's EES student ball and his saxophone. When spotlight.





by Meredith English Beta Club sponsored a Faculty person and the proceeds went to

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Students participate with honor band

Melanie Perry and Lance

ZC assistant principal remembers Montgomery march

15 years of age when he attended pose was to kneel at the Capitol Mr. Hartwell and about six of

his first mass meeting of to pray for Black soldiers. The his friends from Alabama State

Alabama citizens who were purmarchers gathered at the church. Univesity had walked from the

Mr. Bobby Hartwell was only Memorial Day because their pur- water hit a person.

ZC Assistant Principal King to come

March, Mr. Hartwell was street." At this time the doors of

involved in what was to be a the church were closed to keep

march from Dexter Avenue the rest of the marchers inside:

Building where the demonstra- about 50 of the marchers had

tors planned to kneel and pray. been left outside with a huge

There had been a back-and-forth crowd of angry, white

George Wallace and Reverand fire hoses were turned on the

Martin Luther King for an entire marchers and Mr. Hartwell said

week about the march. Governor that he remembered the wind

Wallace said they would not blowing and that the water was march and Reverend King said very cold. The water was not that they would. This incident only cold but the pressure was

took place during May around strong enough to hurt when the

thought he was

Melanie Perry was Zion Chapel's representative at the District VIII Honor Band. The honor band is made up of the top musicians in the district. The tryout process included the playing of a series of scales and three prepared pieces. The process also included a demonstration of sightreading ability.

Students who attended the District VIII Honor Band rehearsed Friday and Saturday. Their performance was Saturday evening. The weekend event ended with a concert by the Troy State Symphonic Band.

Melanie Perry was also chosen Dickey (not pictured) attended to attend the Southeastern United the Auburn University Honor States Band Clinic and Honor Band and Clinic. Band. The selection process used Once selected for the band a Auburn's "composer in resi-

student auditions again, this time dence. for chair palcement. This honor attendees into two different, but other. As at many band clinics the "Montgomery Bus Boycott" students spent Friday and was the Readers' Theater per-Saturday rehearsing for a formed by the fifth grade Saturday evening concert, advanced language arts class in Students attending this clinic had recognition of Black History a chance to meet Alfredo Forte, Month. Mrs. Ginger Vinson "the composer in residence." instructs these fifth graders. Lance Dickey and Melanie Mrs. Vinson said, "My stu-

Perry were chosen, based on dents get very excited with director recommendations, for the Readers' Theater in general but Auburn University Honor Band. they really did get excited about Once selected a student then this event because it is set in ment and for placement in one of only enchancing their ability to three different bands that make up read aloud with expression but the Auburn Honor Band. The first they are learning to work coopband is called the Symphonic and ertavily when they make various it is composed of the very best props. They are getting a good

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suing their voting

rights. He had just

graduated from

Covington County

High School in

Andalusia,

Alabama, and was

attending Alabama

State University.

Martin Luther

King, Jr., Ralph

Abernathy, and

Fred Gray were

present at this

been pushed too far.

meeting.



information or if you have any PICTURE OF THE WEEK...Are you sure Mrs. Calhoun

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vs. Student basketball game. the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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Seniors '04 honor teachers with brunch

Anna Miller. Brittany were soft drinks available Thompson, LeighAnne Anna, Kim, Brittany, and Buhrman, and Kim Rayburn LeighAnne represent the memcooked a meal and served the bers of the Class of 2004 who high school and middle school financed the food for the meal. faculties during their President's Anna, who is senior class presi-Assisting them cook were show our appreciation to the

Anna's parents, Terry and Larry faculty for all the things the fac-Miller, and Mrs. Joan Hobbs, the ulty had done for us during our Family and Consumer Science school years." instructor at Zion Chapel. The high school and middle viewed following the "brunch" school faculties were served and asked how they felt. All

scrambled eggs, cheese grits, who were interviewed said that plain grits, link sausage, patty the meal was delicious and that sausage, bacon, toast, cheese, a nap was going to be tough to



Teachers enjoy eating the breakfast

dent, said, "We just want to

Several teachers were inter-

staff and a chance to meet

band and clinic divided student Fifth grade class performs "Montgomery Bus equal, bands. Crimson is the name of one band and Silver is the Boycott" in recognition of Black History Month

Fifth grade advanced language arts class players from the audition. The chance to show their creative of good readers.

into two bands of equal rank. The Readers' Theater as her formance of the "Montgomery bus boycott. two bands are Tiger and Eagle. approach to reading instruction. Bus Boycott" was Mr.Bobby The Auburn Honor, Band She uses literature circles to Hartwell, Zion Chapel's assisincludes three days of rehersal enchance the fluency, vocabu- tant principal. He spoke for a with the Auburn University Band lary, and comprehension skills few minutes to the class about

but by that time university to downtown to take

there was a part in the march. The problem

nuge crowd of was that when everything was

white people over they had to walk back. He

gathered along said that the thought of walking

throwing things agents the FBI had sent to town

Dexter Avenue through downtown Montgomery

and were shout- after a civil rights demonstration

ing insults and was a scary thing to do. The six

at the building. to keep order during the demon-

things they were friends back to the university.

One of the stration escorted him and his

shouting was One of the agents was Nicolas

players that remain are divided ability. Mrs. Vinson uses the A special guest at the per- was present at the Montgomery inductees and their parents who black and will have ZCHS Beta.

his experiences first-hand. He provide refreshments for new Colors will be either grey or

The first item of business was Other items of business adopt new membership included service projects. They requirements. In the future a have begun plans for making grade of 85 will be required in comfort caps for cancer patients. each Core class (English, social They have acquired a pattern studies, science, and math). and plan to make the comfort

BREAKFAST

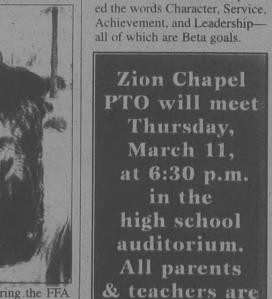
Thursday - Cinnamon

ereal, Juice, Milk Fruit, Milk

Wednesday - Pan Cakes, Crackers, Fruit, Milk-

The second item of business caps out of fleece material. was to discuss the induction of The last item on the agenda

new members that will be held was the individual member's March 7. Beta members will purchase of a new Beta t-shirt. have come to observe the induc- imprinted on the shirt. In addi-



Anna Miller and Kim Rayburn cook

Coffee County Schools

Menu

March 8-12, 2004

onday - Honey Bun, Browns, Mac & Cheese, English Peas,

Tuesday-Cheese Toast, Tuesday - Lasagna, Turkey Sandwich,

ereal, Juice, Milk Green Salad, Whole Kernel Corn,

ausage links, Cereal, Wednesday - Ham & Chesse Croissant,

aisin Biscuit, Cereal. Thursday - Catfish Strips, Steak

Friday - Grilled Cheese Friday - Fried Chicken, Sloppy Joe,

Betas have called meeting

Mrs. Alicia Odom, Beta Club tion ceremony. Also invited to

sponsor, presided over the spe- observe the induction ceremony

cially-called meeting to take will be the ninth- through

andwich, Cereal, Juice. Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit,

Rings, Cookie, Fruit, Milk

Hushpuppies, Fruit, Milk

Monday - Burrito, Fish Sanwich, Hash

Corn Dog, California Veggies, Onion

Sandwich, Englich Peas, Cole Slaw,

tion the shirt will have imprint-

urged to attend

this meeting.

Earl Jacobs holds a baby sheep to be petted during the FFA Week Petting Zoo. Several animals were brought to school to makeup the zoo and the elementary students seemed to enjoy the experience. Ms. Beverly McCall and a third-grader are also

for Reverend Katzenbach. At the time of his Bobby Hartwell out. They Student presents oil painting to Indian Education instructor

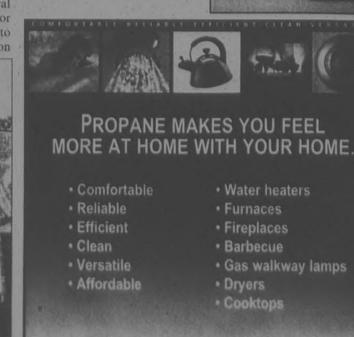
Mr. Hartwell was asked if he got come out of the church about Shirley Goodson, the instructor School. Parks as a soft-spoken, grand- from the church to the street. ture in the Indian Education attends and he and his mother, Goodson.

motherly type person who didn't When the leaders of the march Lab. Rosa, have provided several talk too much. Her refusal to stepped out of the church and Huey is an A student when it different country delicacies for give up her seat on the started down the steps they were comes to his school work. He the members of the class to Montgomery bus was the action told by the Montgomery County is also a student of art and enjoy. They have done this on of a human being who had just Sheriff that if they set foot on a Montgomery Street they would Another question Mr. Hartwell have their heads split open. Mr. was asked to answer was if he Hartwell said that at this time he had every been really afraid was in the group about four peowhile demonstrating and he said ple from the front. One of the yes. Sometime during the years leaders was about to step forward of the bus boycott in when another pulled him back



such a meeting Mr. Hartwell was inside but he had already been. Huey Green, a fourth grader takes classes from Jeanice several occasions. dating a girl named Annice taken out of town for his own at Zion Chapel Elementary. Fuller, He is the son of Atlas Mrs. Goodson will hang the Jackson who was the first cousin safety. The marchers inside the presented an oil painting, and Rosa Green who are both picture in the Indian Education of the father of Mrs. Rosa Parks. church decided that they would which he painted, to Mrs. graduates of Zion Chapel High Lab. The painting depicts a country mailbox inscribed to meet Mrs. Parks and he said five or six abreast and this would of Indian Education. Mrs. Huey enjoys the Indian Indian Ed. Huey did the paintthat he did. He describes Mrs. make for a smooth transition Goodson will display the pic- Education classes that he ing as a surprise for Mrs.

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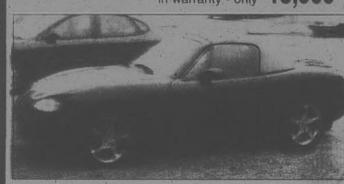


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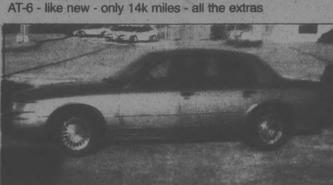
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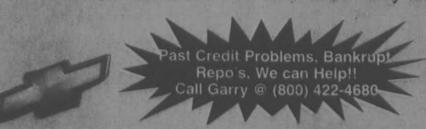
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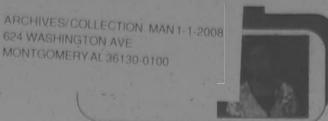


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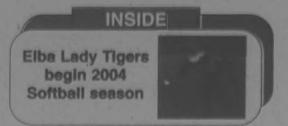


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Troy King took office as and longstanding court cases in advisor, deputy chief of staff

nd Human 1999. From January 18, 1999, to

Resources. He January 20, 2003, King served

also has played in the Opinions Division of the

critical role Attorney General's office, Governor where he drafted opinions for lile y's Attorney General Bill Pryor to

Thursday, March 11, 2004

1 Section, 16 Pages Plus 2 Adv. Inserts

Elba native named Alabama's Attorney General

Attorney General of Alabama state history, working to bring and acting chief of staff. He also on March 8, 2004. He was an end to expensive court cases taught business law as an appointed by Governor Bob involving the state departments adjunct professor at Troy State Riley to complete the term of of Corrections, Mental Health University Montgomery in Bill Pryor who was appointed to the U.S.

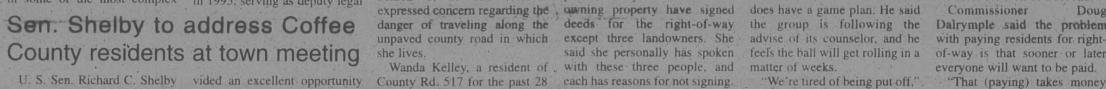
Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit youngest, Attorney General currently serving in the United A native of Elba

King graduated summa cum laude in 1990 from Troy State University, where he was chairman of the

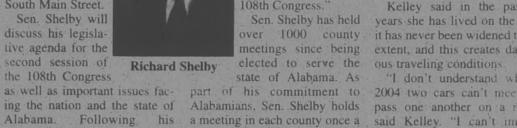
degree in May 1994 from The drain on state resources. King children's Sunday School. of the Law School Republicans. restricting the plaintiffs' ability and Asher.

planned and filed pleadings, contracts, bringing more strategies, and litigated cases, ment and reducing costs to tax-

behalf of the governor, and lecturing for reform and developed plans to defend and accountability and speaking out conclude major class action liti- against voter fraud and public



a town meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held in Enterprise at the City Hall, 501 South Main Street. Sen. Shelby will discuss his legisla-



remarks, Sen. Shelby will open year.

the floor to questions and comThis meeting is open to the road is to travel." ments from those in attendance, public, and members of the. She said there is much more Sen. Shelby said, "Over the media are welcome and encour- traffic on this road than those years, these meetings have pro- aged to attend.

COSMETIC TRANSITION... Although beautification remains the ultimate goal of one Elba business,

some recent alterations are worth mentioning. The business formally recognized as Denise's Hair and

Nail Salon recently became Tangles and Threads when Elba native Melissa Flowers took over as

Friday, Feb. 27, the Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed Flowers to business by hosting a

ribbon cutting ceremony. Those present for the ribbon cutting included (from left): Kendall Stinson,

Junior Miss Elba Cameron Irwin, Lyndsay Lawford, Future Little Miss Elba Annsley Padgett, Sheri

Troublefield, Ramona Grantham, Little Miss Elba Reagan Kelley, Melissa Fillingim, Mary McMillan,

Tonya Jones, Denise Sauls, Melissa Flowers - owner/operator, Talon Flowers, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Diane Carnley, Doris Matthews, Hilda Faye Johnson, Jantzen Flowers, Tim Flowers, Rene

Lambert, Glen Johnson, Miss Elba Anna Anderson, Herby McCall and Kaye Whitworth - executive

director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

groundbreak- advise government officials of ing approach the law, served as in-house restructuring counsel to the Lieutenant the Reynolds Governor, and represented other awsuit against state agencies as their staff ne State counsel. Department of ... King is married to the former ransportation. Paige Pinson of Montgomery, one of the where they have resided since state's longest- 1995. King is a deacon at First running law- Baptist Church in Montgomery, for four years. He earned his law suits that has created a terrible where he and his wife teach

government. I look ma of paving the road. orward to discussing "This is not a new issue," for?"

neetings since being extent, and this creates danger-

ing the nation and the state of Alabamians, Sen. Shelby holds pass one another on a road," Alabama. Following his a meeting in each county once a said Kelley. "I can't impress



he was a founder and chairman strategy to attack the lawsuit by Briggs and daughters Colden morning, March 6, as community residents attended the club's annual Pancake Breakfast Day. The pancake breakfast is a fund raising event for the club as it strives to support projects to help people Governor Bob Riley appoint to generate frivolous claims and Troy is the son of Bobby, and and organizations. In the past, the pancake breakfast has allowed the Elba Lions Club to assist the ed King as his legal advisor in by reducing legal fees for the Natile King, now of Alabama Sight Conservation, Camp Seale Harris, Southeast Leader Dog School, American Diabetes Montgomery and the grandson | Association, Elba D.A.R.E. Program, Elba Boy Scout Troop 37 and local sight programs. Shown As Governor Riley's legal of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert above enjoying the freshly prepared pancakes and sausage, as well as, one another's company are litigation involving the state of Alabama. As legal advisor, he of the late Wr. and Wrs.

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Edwin Jones, all of Elba.

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Boy Scout Troop 37 assisted Lions Club members with the annual breakfast event.

accountability to state govern- During Coffee County Commission meeting in state and federal courts on payers. He has traveled the state Resident expresses concern regarding danger of unpaved road

unpaved county road in which except three landowners. She advise of its counselor, and he with paying residents for right-

Wanda Kelley, a resident of with these three people, and matter of weeks. (R-Ala,) will address Coffee for area residents to listen and years, told commissioners she Kelley said it's evident these Kelley responded. voice their opinions on wanted to add her point of view three landowners are not going. She said she is tired of having said. "Eventually, we would be he activities of our surrounding the ongoing dilem- to sign the deeds; therefore, she the aggravation of trying to get paving less and less roads."

upon you how dangerous this

Twelfth Judicial who live on it, and many times

owner/operator of the salon. Despite this change in name and ownership, the staff of Tangles and the current Legislative Session. Those planning to attend should

motorists travel at high rates of the paving project can move for motion to pay the landowner speed disregarding the dangers' ward and make the road safer \$1,200 for the deed to the rightgation. Specifically, King has corruption King also worked on The Coffee County created from the narrow road. for those who have to travel it. of-way. represented the state of Alabama the staff of Governor Fob James Commission listened Monday, In regards to getting the road Commissioner Bernest However, his motion died on in some of the most complex in 1995, serving as deputy legal March 8, as one resident paved, Kelley said all residents Brooks said the commission the table for lack of a second. expressed concern regarding the awning property have signed does have a game plan. He said Commissioner Doug danger of traveling along the deeds for the right-of-way the group is following the Dalrymple said the problem

he important issues. Kelley said in regards to getting. Kelley said it was her plea machinery in the way while the condition of the road. He said, acing our state, and the road paved. "It stays in the that the residents not have to road is actually being paved. the road is narrow, but the counour nation in the sec- forefront of our minds because wait any longer, and she recom- Commissioner Robert ty's problem with widening the ond session of the it is an every day travel." mended commissioners agree to Stephens said the landowner road is the same as with paving 08th Congress." Kelley said in the past 28 pay or do whatever it takes to from his portion of the road had Sen. Shelby has held years she has lived on the road; get the three abstaining agreed to sign the deed for Please See CCC, Page 14

over 1000 county it has never been widened to any landowners to sign the deeds so \$1,200; therefore, he made a Judge Steve Blair announces re-election bid

state of Alabama. As "I don't understand why in Circuit Judge Steve Blair Following law school, Blair 2000. part of his commitment to 2004 two cars can't meet and announces his qualification as served as a law clerk to the Hon. Following Circuit Judge Gary the Democratic candidate for Circuit Judge in the Twelfth Judicial Circui Place Three. The

> Circuit includes both Pike and Coffee counties. Judge Blair began nis career in the ourt system as a Coffee County juvenile probation officer after com-

oleting college. He Judge Steve Blair entered law school at the University of Alabama. County in 1994 and was re-remains optimistic about the staand graduated in 1985, elected to a second term in tus of the judiciary. Through the

Area Happenings

THE ZION CHAPEL PTO will meet Thursday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. All parents and teachers are urged to attend this meeting.

been restocked with bream and catfish. THE KLBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will sponsor a Bill Barr and Judge Thomas Legislative Breakfast on Friday, March 19, at 7 a.m. in the First Head. aptist Church social hall in Elba. Representative Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley will be present to give an update on

THE COFFEE COUNTY LAKE will reopen Friday, March 12.

The lake will be open from daylight to sunset and recently has

BA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REG-ATION for the 2004-05 school year will be Thursday, sch 18, and Friday, March 19, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the his court and asks for the vote ntary school. The child must turn 5-years-old on or before cept. 2. In order to register, parents should bring an Alabama shot cord, a birth certificate and Social Security card.

said she personally has spoken feels the ball will get rolling in a of-way is that sooner or later

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William McAliley's retirement from the Bowen, pre- bench and appointment as iding judge District Attorney in Jan. 2003, the Judge Blair was appointed by Alabam a Governor Don Siegelman to fill court of the vacancy in the circuit court. riminal While a district judge, Judge Appeals. Blair's average case load Judge Blair exceeded 10,000 filings per pened his year. In the last 14 months on aw practice the bench, Judge Blair has Coffee presided over hundreds of civil County in and criminal trials, jury as well 986. He was as non-jury matters.

e l e c t e d Despite the severe financial District Judge problems affecting all branches in Coffee of state government, Judge Blair hard work and dedication of all udicial Circuit remains current in the timely disposition of the cases coming before the court.

Judge Blair acknowledges and thanks the many people who have supported him in the past and who continue to offer support and encouragement upon his move to the circuit court. In particular, Judge Blair appreciates the substantial guidance and assistance from Judge

Judge Blair recognizes a judge's sworn duty and obligation to apply the law fairly to the Threads remains dedicated to hair and nail treatment, as well as, tanning and clothing consignments. On call the chamber (897-3125) by 5 p.m Tuesday, March 16, to facts in a case. A judge should not create or "interpret" law to achieve a desired result. Judge Blair pledges to fairly and honestly resolve all cases tried in and support of all residents of Pike and Coffee counties in this